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Export of Readymade Garments

3891. SHRI S.N. VEKARIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new scheme has been chalked out for the purpose of the export of ready-made garments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a state-wise quota has been fixed for the export of these garments; and

(d) if so, the details of the quota fixed for Haryana and Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). Exports of garment categories covered by quota restrictions in terms of the bilateral agreements entered into by India with the importing countries concerned are governed by the Garment Export Entitlement Distribution Policy. The Policy lays down various guidelines for allocating quotas to eligible exporters. Government have taken a number of steps to boost export of garments like modernisation of Garment industry by allowing import of garment manufacturing machinery at concessional duty, organising buyer seller meets and participating in fairs, providing adequate encouragement to manufacturer-exporters and non-quota exports though Garment Quota Policy etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

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Progress of Ongoing Projects in Rajasthan

3892. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pace of work on the ongoing projects of inter-State road bridges in Rajasthan is slow; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to expedite the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Presumably, the Member is referring to the seven inter-State bridges in Rajasthan approved under Central Loan assistance programme for State Roads of inter-State or Economic Importance during 7th Plan. Since these bridges fall on State Roads, the Government of Rajasthan are primarily responsible for their execution and for taking steps to expedite the works.

Construction of Bye-passes in Rajasthan

3893. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals under consideration of the Government for constructing bye-pass on National Highways passing through Rajasthan; and

(b) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Land